



# Soaring

## SUCCESS

### CAREERS AND PATHWAYS

#### Jamie

Year Eleven student Jamie loves spending time with young children and decided to pursue a traineeship at John Paul College's Early Learning Centre to explore the possibilities. The opportunity has given him first-hand experience working with young children and sparked his interest in early childhood education. Jamie thoroughly enjoyed his experience and would strongly recommend students to do a traineeship to get a sense of what their future might hold.

#### **What motivated you to apply for a school-based traineeship position?**

The fact that I can begin discussing and applying for my future job while still at school is a great motivation to pursue a school-based traineeship. It is a great way to get a head start on what you want to do in the future and can set you up for success rather than stressing and worrying about it later.

#### **How will this traineeship add value to your future pathway?**

The traineeship provides a fantastic opportunity to learn about what happens in your chosen field and gives you an idea of what you'll need to accomplish when the time comes, so you're prepared.

#### **What underpinning experience assisted you in securing your traineeship?**

I also grew up with my two younger brothers in Papua New Guinea and loved spending quality time with them. I also have a small nephew named Zion, whom I look after and get along with. I enjoy spending time with him and being in his company. From these experiences, I discovered my passion for looking after children and getting to know their personalities; this inspired me to start a traineeship at JPC's Early Learning Centre.

#### **What have you learned from your traineeship so far?**

My three-day work experience at the early learning centre taught me that you must always be patient with children. When children are happy and feel heard, they will like you and, in turn, listen to what you have to say. There are moments when you need to explain how to behave, show compassion, share and be polite to one another in a way that children will understand. I had a fantastic time with the children and enjoyed every minute.

#### **How will you successfully manage your school workload and your one-day-at-work employment commitment?**

Taking on a school-based traineeship means missing one day of regular school lessons. Having a study period to complete all my work on the one day I missed has been extremely helpful because it allowed me to catch up on anything I may have missed.

#### **What has been the highlight of your experience?**

The best part was getting to know all the lovely children and seeing them play in the playground before joining in as if I were one of them. Overall, I had a terrific time and enjoyed the entire experience.

#### **Describe a typical day at your work area.**

On a typical day at ELC, I would sign in to begin work at 8:30am and supervise children during learning, play and mealtimes throughout the day. After play, the young children would take a nap. It would be my lunch break when the kids are asleep. Following that, the kids would spend more time playing outside, and parents would begin returning from work late in the afternoon to pick up their children.

#### **What advice do you have for other students considering a similar traineeship pathway?**

I believe it is worthwhile for anyone seeking to complete a traineeship, and it can boost your career and future employment prospects. It simply gives you a good idea of what your future might look like and a head start on whatever you want to do in the future. I would strongly advise anyone considering a school-based traineeship to sign up as soon as possible.

